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SUBJ: FURTHER TRAVELS OF AMIR OF QATAR

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1. FOR WHATEVER IT IS WORTH, A RELIABLE SOURCE HAS GIVEN US AN ACCOUNT OF THE REASON FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE AMIR OF QATAR'S VISIT TO MAURITANIA--INFORMATION WAS SOURCED TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF QATAR ARMED FORCES, SHAYKH HAMAD BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, AMIR'S OLDEST SON. IT APPEARS THAT AMIR'S AIRCRAFT, A GULF AIR VC-10, WOULD HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LAND AT NOUAKCHOTT AIRPORT SINCE RUNWAY LENGTH REPORTEDLY INSUFFICIENT. ACCORDING STORY, MAURITANIANS SUGGESTED ALTERNATE LANDING SITE FROM WHICH AMIR WOULD HAVE BEEN FERRIED TO NOUAKCHOTT IN SMALLER AIRCRAFT, BUT AMIR FLATLY REFUSED THIS ARRANGEMENT AND VISIT WAS CANCELLED. (COMMENT: SUCH PRIMA DONNA BEHAVIOR IS NOT RPT NOT TYPICAL OF AMIR.)

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2. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE BEEN GIVING FULL COVERAGE TO AMIR'S VISITS
TO TUNISIA AND MOROCCO, ALTHOUGH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION HAS
REPEATEDLY PUT OUT INCORRECT DATES FOR THESE VISITS. CONFUSION
APPARENTLY RESULTED FROM ABRUPT CANCELLATION OF VISIT TO
MAURITANIA.

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